

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT  
OF  
4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES  
IN  
CLEVELAND COUNTY  
1951

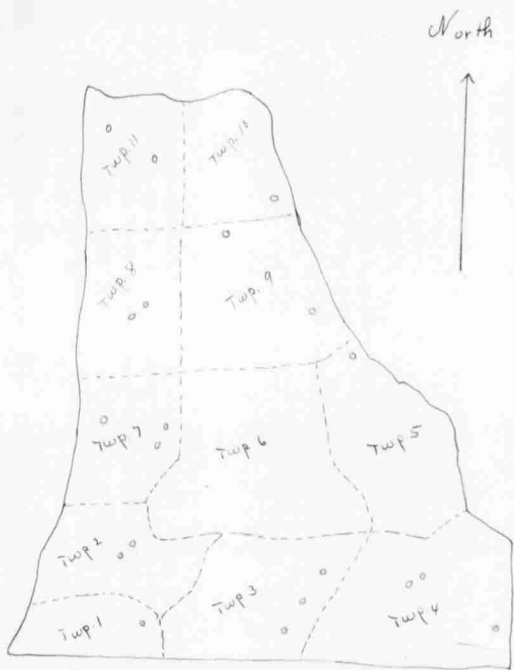
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CLEVELAND COUNTY



The above green circles indicate the location of 4-H Clubs  
in Cleveland County

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### III. Introduction:

Throughout the past year Cleveland county has continued to maintain a solid and well rounded development in its agricultural, industrial and recreational program.

It is still considered one of the states largest cotton producing counties. For the past two years, the boll weevil made many people doubt that Cleveland county farmers would continue to grow as much cotton. However, farmers were soon convinced that by using a regular dusting or spraying program, they could still grow cotton.

For the past two years an "Empty Stomach" fund has been provided for families in need of food. As always there will be some who will need help this year, but the number should be greatly reduced.

The farmers in the county are also producing wheat, small grain, dairy products, beef cattle, turkeys, and poultry. This year apples, peaches and other fruits were marketed.

We have twenty active 4-H clubs in the county; and there has been a noticeable increase in enrollment. Eight of these clubs are junior clubs, five are senior clubs, and the others are both age groups combined. Next year we hope to organize at least one new club. The principal of the Kings Mountain high school has requested that we meet with the boys and girls in that school to explain the 4-H program.

Since a large number of rural boys and girls attend the city schools, he thinks we could help the group by organizing a club for them.

One club girl made this remark about 4-H club work in her record this year, "In general the 4-H program has stimulated my personal initiative, produced patience, faith, and discipline necessary for the building of stronger character. I have grown to be a well rounded person."

It would indeed be a pleasure to know at the end of another year that additional club members felt that the 4-H program has done as much for them. Working with the boys and girls and watching them grow and develop into our future citizens makes extension work the most enjoyable.

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IV. Organization:

The 4-H program of work was planned to fulfil the requests of club members as nearly as possible. By giving the members a chance to participate in planning the programs, we feel that they will be more interested in attending the meetings. We also think that it will help stimulate them to do more and better project work.

Where we have junior and senior clubs in the same school, we find it much easier to give two separate demonstrations, on related subjects. In the amount of time given for our meetings, we find it hard to give to combined age groups the same information. We only have seven of these combined groups, but they are either too small to divide; or too unevenly enrolled according to age to divide.

We hope that the 1952 program will prove even more interesting to club members. A great deal of time and thought was spent planning a program to meet their needs as they are now seen.

4-H leaders have shown increasing interest in the programs planned. Many leaders held meetings during the summer months for the club girls in their communities. The meetings planned for leaders to hold in 1952 were suggested topics that they themselves thought would help club girls.

## CLUB ENROLLMENT

Belwood	35
Bethware Jr.	25
Bethware Sr.	49
Boiling Springs Jr.	53
Boiling Springs Sr.	37
Casar	53
Earl	38
Fallston	47
Grover	43
Lattimore Jr.	48
Lattimore Sr.	33
Mooresboro	38
Moriah	17
No. 1	20
No. 3	46
Patterson Springs	31
Piedmont	50
Polkville Jr.	57
Polkville Sr.	37
Waco	47

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Total Enrollment

804



4-H Achievement Program:

The annual 4-H Achievement program was held Friday night, November 16th at 7:30 in the Shelby Armory. Approximately two hundred and fifty club members, parents and leaders were present.

Marion Moss, 1951 county council president presided. The devotional was given by Jackie Adams, Lattimore club; Pat Davis, No. 3 club; and Ector Hamrick, No. 3 club. The following boys and girls sang a hymn as a part of the devotional: Beth Davis, Lattimore, Rachel Sellers, and Marion Moss, Waco; Charles Cabeniss and Carol Tarlton, Lattimore; and Ondra Black, Waco.

Miss Betty Jane Alexander, assistant home agent in Mecklenburg county and former 4-H exchange student showed slides and talked to the group about her experiences overseas. Her program was unusually interesting and one that the entire group thoroughly enjoyed.

Following Miss Alexander's talk medals were awarded by Julia C. Dobson, assistant home agent, and Henry W. Dameron, assistant farm agent to the following 4-H club members:

- Girls Record - Lois Gamble, Bethware
- Farm & Home Elect. - Bill Davis, Lattimore
- Gardening - Sybil Bridges, Folkville
- Frances Bavis, Belwood
- Pauline Bess, Grover
- Farm & Home Safety - Lois Gamble, Bethware

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Food Preparation -	Gloria Jane Putnam, No. 3 Margaret Warlick, Belwood
Home Beautification -	Sonja Lowery, No. 3 Rachel Sellers, Waco
Dairy Foods (Ind) -	Marion Moss, Waco
Dress Revue -	Marion Moss, Waco
Apron Revue -	Christine Davis, Belwood
Leadership -	Beth Davis, Lattimore
Home Improvement -	Marion Moss, Waco
Frozen Foods -	Ada Kelly Wilson, Fallston
Canning -	Jane Porter, Waco
Clothing -	Barbars Bridges, Waco (Sr.) Beth Patterson, No. 3 (Jr.)
Achievement -	Marion Moss, Waco
Leadership -	Lee Cash, No. 3
Poultry -	Dean Humphries, Lattimore Ann Rudasill, " Ben Bowen, " James Cox, No. 3 Dan Elmore, Piedmont
Meat Animal -	Charles Bridges, Polkville, Jr.
Forestry -	Randolph Dover, Waco
Farm & Home Elect. -	Ector Hamrick, No. 3
Field Crops -	Herman Wright, Bethware
Achievement -	Randolph Dover, Waco

Public Speaking -	Ector Hamrick, No. 3
Dairying -	Charles Bridges, Jr. , Polkville
	Max Davis, Lattimore
	Brooks Piercy, Jr., Boiling Springs, N. C.

At the November county council meeting it was decided that members of the Waco 4-H club would be responsible for decorating the Armory. Fall flowers were used in large arrangements to add a festive note of color. The American and 4-H flags were also used to make the Armory look much more attractive.

Following the recognition of guests, the group joined in a recreational program. Since this was the first Fall recreational program, the members thoroughly enjoyed square dancing and folk dancing.

An unusually large number of parents were present. They all expressed their appreciation for being able to attend the enjoyable program.

4-H County Council

The 4-H county council met Monday night, November twelfth, at which time new officers were elected for the coming year 1952.

Those elected to office were:

- President - Beth Davis, Lattimore club
- V-President - Pat Davis, No. 3 club
- Sec. & Treas. -- Rachel Sellers, Waco club
- Song Leader - Joyce Porter, Waco club
- Reporter - Gloria Jane Putnam, No. 3 club
- Historian - Marion Moss, Waco Club

The council members decided to meet the first Monday night in each month. It was also voted to hold monthly meetings this year. A program planning committee composed of the following members was elected: Pat Davis, chairman; Gloria Jane Putnam, George Gabaniss and Rachel Sellers. This group will decide on topics to be used for each of the monthly council programs.

We felt that if the programs were planned by the club members that they would be more interested in attending the monthly meetings.

Last year the council composed of 105 members, held four meetings. In addition to the organizational meeting, the group enjoyed a Christmas progra, of slides, a parliamentary procedure program, and a highway safety program. Mr. John P. Hollis, with the state highway department, was present for this meeting. He discussed and explained the highway safety progreat to council members. The club members felt that this was a most worthy project and one that they could all help with.

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The council meetings were better attended last year, and we feel that we should have a larger number in attendance this year. More and more members are expressing themselves as to their likes and dislikes. We feel that this is one way to strengthen our club program another year.

Following is a copy of the February council meeting. The other meetings held were all very similar in their procedure.

### **Cleveland County 4-H Group Picks Officers**

Officers were elected at the meeting Monday night of the Cleveland County 4-H Council in the Agricultural building. Beth Davis of Lattimore was chosen president; Pat Davis of No. 3 high school was chosen as vice-president; Rachel Sellers of Waco was elected secretary-treasurer; Gloria Jane Putnam of No. 3 high school was elected reporter and Marian Moss of Waco was chosen historian.

The program committee is composed of Pat Davis, Rachel Sellers, Gloria Jane Putnam and George Cabanis.

February 4-H County Council Program

Council president presiding:

Club pledge

Song -

Roll call by clubs

Minutes of last council meeting - Council secretary

Business:

Old

New

Speaker - Mr. John P. Hollis  
State Highway Department

Recreation -

4-H CLUB SCHEDULE

Days	First Week	Second Week	Third Week
Monday	4-H County Co. 7:30	B.Springs, Jr. 9:00 B.Springs Sr. 10:30	No. 3 9:00 Grover 10:30
Tuesday		Lattimore Jr. 9:00 Lattimore Sr. 10:30	Bethware Jr. 9:00 Bethware Sr. 10:30
Wednesday		Polkville Jr. 9:00 Polkville Sr. 10:30	Earl 9:00 Patterson Sps. 10:30
Thursday		Moriah 9:00 Casar 10:30	Mouresboro 9:00 No. 1 10:30
Friday		Belwood 9:00 Piedmont 10:30	Fallston 9:00 Waco 10:30

Leader System:

Throughout the past year neighborhood leaders have served in many ways to benefit the 4-H club program. These leaders were elected by club girls in their communities. Being able to choose the leaders themselves made the club members more interested in working with them during the months schools were closed. Several new leaders were chosen to replace former leaders, who for various reasons were no longer able to serve. When these new leaders were visited, I found a number of them to be Sunday School teachers. Therefore most of them knew all the girls in their respective communities.

When the new leaders were visited by the assistant home agent, a kit of material was given to them. Inclosed in the kit was a 4-H record book, other project record books, 4-H award leaflet, 4-H canning leaflets, and numerous other booklets explaining the 4-H program and the purpose of having 4-H neighborhood leaders.

4-H Church Sunday was conducted entirely by leaders. The reports returned by them this year were very good. Club members are becoming more interested in taking parts on these programs and many of them have expressed their appreciation to leaders for their guidance.

During the summer months meetings were held by leaders for club members. At these meetings help was given with record books, canning and sewing. Some recreational meetings were also held.



Next year I hope to have one training school for neighborhood leaders to train them for the meetings they will conduct. At that time bulletins and other leaflets will be distributed for their use.

For the second year, the Bethware 4-H club has had a 4-H booth at their community fair. Both years, Mrs. Leonard Gamble has helped club members with this exhibit. This year the project work of club members was exhibited. I hope this community exhibit will be continued in the future. Even though no prize money is awarded, the entries are judged for ribbon placing.

4-H leaders have attended recreation programs, and many have expressed their appreciation for this type of program. Another year we plan to have a leaders training school for 4-H club members in each community. With neighborhood leaders to supervise, more community recreation programs should be planned in the coming year.

V. Monthly Programs as Executed:

1. Joint Programs:

We agents feel that the joint programs with boys and girls taking parts on them, are most worthwhile. These programs give club members an opportunity to appear before club groups.

In the Moriah 4-H club, members feel it an honor to appear on the program. They always do their part well, and for a large number of their programs, members have memorized the part. One of the teachers in this school told us about a little boy asking to be given a part on the program. The boy had been a club member for a year, and he had never appeared on a joint program. The member wasn't one of the best readers in the club, but the teacher helped him to read over the part several times before the meeting day. Appearing on the program not only gave this club member self confidence, but pride in doing a part well.

Each year we have watched other club members grow and develop as they participated in these joint meetings. The club officers also improve in their ability to preside throughout the year.

The development of leadership in 4-H club work should enable boys and girls to be more active in schools, church, and community programs.

FEBRUARY 4-H CLUB PROGRAM -- 1951

President Presiding:

Meeting Called to order

4-H Club pledge

Scripture - Psalm 1

Prayer - (Enclosed)

Song - America (1st and last verses)

Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting?

Are there any corrections? If not, they stand approved as read.

Is there any old business to come before the club? Any new?

If not we will turn the meeting over to our agents who will show a film on forestry for the remaining part of the joint program.

MARCH 4-H CLUB PROGRAMS -- 1951

President Presiding:

Meeting called to order

4-H Pledge

Scripture - Psalms 100

Prayer - (Enclosed)

Poem - The Demonstration Way

Poem - Making a Garden

Song - Long, Long Ago

Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting?

Are there any corrections? If not, they stand approved as read.

Is there any old business ? Any new?

If not, we will now have a joint demonstration on gardening by our agents, Mrs. Dobson and Mr. Dameron.

APRIL 4-H CLUB PROGRAM - 1951

President Presiding:

Meeting called to order

4-H Club pledge

Scripture -                 Matthews 6: 11-15

Prayer -                   (Enclosed)

Farm & Home Election program - 4-H members

Song -                     Home on the Range

Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting?

Are there any corrections? If not, they stand approved as read.

Is there any old business? Any new?

If not, we will now turn the program over to our agents.

NOVEMBER 4-H CLUB MEETING - 1951

President Presiding:

Meeting called to order

4-H Club Pledge

Scripture - Psalms 19: 1-8

Prayer - (Enclosed)

Poem - Make it a Treat

Songs - Follow the Glean

Are You Sleeping ?

Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting?

Are there any corrections? If not, they stand approved as read.

Is there any old business? Any new?

If not, we will now turn the meeting over to our agents.

Project Programs:

The project programs were presented in the form of demonstrations, slides and discussions. This was the first year that we have been able to use slides in our 4-H club work. A new projector and screen was bought last December. We found that being able to use slides has been<sup>a</sup> definite advantage. The addition of a film projector could also benefit our program.

The project programs given through the year were as follows:

January -	Improving Home Grounds
February -	Milk Desserts
March -	Clothing
April -	Floor Covering & Finishes
May -	Selection of Canned Foods
September -	Care of Floors
November -	The Dressing Unit
December -	Sandwiches - plain and fancy

VI. Projects:

A. Clothing

<u>No. Enrolled</u>	<u>No. Completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
377	340	1460 garments made
		796 " remodeled

The interest in clothing as a 4-H project is always keen. Since the prices of ready made clothes are continuing to advance more girls are realizing the need for being able to sew. I think girls are also taking more pride in their personal appearance. They have shown a definite interest in keeping up to date, with the newest styles in fashion.

The construction of the garments made by the girls is one problem that still needs to be given more emphasis. I find that some girls neglect to press open all seams, tie and clip threads, and hem garments neatly. I hope the 1952 demonstrations, "Simple Construction" for junior girls and "Finishing Touches" for senior girls will help partially eliminate some of these problems.

Often times a girl will make an attractive dress and model it with poorly selected accessories. I hope that this situation will be improved after giving the "Teen-Age Accessories" demonstration which has been planned for next year.

A number of girls have done themselves proud by remodeling garments. Even though the number of remodeled garments tends to be smaller than it was two or three years ago, girls are still interested in making over clothes. The poor cotton crops, the two previous years, have accounted for this continued interest.



In March of last year the demonstration was given on "Modern Sewing Aids". This demonstration has proved to have been quite helpful to most of the girls. A number of new club members were still unfamiliar with the zipper presser foot attachment, which most people find they can hardly do without once they have used the attachment. I found that the majority of girls are now using zippers in their cotton clothes rather than plackets fastened with snaps or hooks.

4-H leaders assisted girls with making dresses for the annual 4-H dress revue. They also helped with the filling out of record books -- especially those of the junior club members. We think that helping a club girl fill out her record after she has completed her project, is mighty important.

It would be impossible for me to estimate the income earned from sewing. However, I am sure that it would be quite sizable, but not nearly as great as the amount saved by sewing. Club girls are realizing how many more clothes they can have by making them instead of buying a few ready-made. Marion Moss won \$15.00 on the dress entered in the county dress revue, \$24.00 on her entries at the Cleveland County fair. She has used this money to buy materials to make clothes for this year.

Rachel Sellers, Lois Gamble and Shirlene Royster also won several dollars in premium money from their clothing entries at the fair.

Following are expressions taken from the record books of girls concerning their 4-H clothing project:

"This year I decided to make all of my own clothes. I enjoyed doing it very much. On a few garments I had trouble with some things,

but I got along pretty well. I put in my first pocket this year without any trouble at all. I have also made progress in other sewing details."

Beth Patterson - 14 - No. 3 Club.

"I have mended many articles and remodeled several."

Betty Crawford - 15 - Grover Club.

I wanted to learn to sew, and I decided to take clothing so that I would have a goal to reach by learning to sew. I also wanted to learn so I could improve my personal appearance and help my mother by making some of my clothes.

I have learned to sew and I am real proud that I have. I am prouder of a two-piece dress and a school dress than any other things I made. I won third prize on the school dress at the county fair."

Beth Datis - 14 - Lattimore Club.

"I have made 56 garments for myself since I joined the 4-H club. I have also made many clothes for others. I enjoy helping my family and friends out and make their clothes. I think that my clothing project will help me now and in the years to come."

Barbara Bridges - 15 - Waco Club.

As a part of a general 4-H club booth the following items of clothing were exhibited by 4-H club girls at the Cleveland County fair.

Be	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Best Girl's Clothing Proj.	Rachel Sellers \$3.00	Marion Moss \$2.00	Lois Gamble \$1.00
Best Apron	Shirlene Royster \$2.00	Lois Gamble \$1.00	Ann Richards \$ .50
Best Tea Towel	Shirlene Royster \$2.00	Sandra Gibson \$1.00	Arlene Mooney \$ .50
Best Slip	Margaret Warlick \$2.00	Lois Gamble \$1.00	Anne Richards \$ .50
Best Pajamas	Shirlene Royster \$2.00	Anne Richards \$1.00	Margaret Warlick \$ .50
Best Home-made Hat	Betty Crawford \$1.00	Lois Gamble \$.75	
" " " Bag	Betty Crawford \$1.00	Lois Gamble \$ .75	
Best Play Suit	Lois Gamble \$2.00	Marion Moss \$1.00	Rachel Sellers \$ .50
Best School Dress	Jane Horn \$3.00	Lois Gamble \$2.00	Beth Davis \$1.00
Best Dressy Dress	Marion Moss \$4.00	Lois Gamble \$2.00	Barbara Bridges \$1.00
Best Suit	Shirlene Royster \$5.00	Jane Horn \$3.00	Ann Richards \$2.00

#### 4-H Dress Revue

The county-wide 4-H Dress revue was held April 21st in the Shelby high school auditorium. Judges for the revue were Mrs. Mildred Stallings, Rutherford county home agent; Jeanne Ware, assistant home agent in Rutherford county, and Ruth Keeler, Polk county home agent.

Thirty-one aprons, pinafores, school dresses, best dresses or evening dresses and suits were modeled by club girls.

Frances Davis from the Belwood club won first place in the apron revue. Frances modeled an attractive orchid apron, and carried matching pot holders. The second place winner was Betty Rogers from the Lattimore Jr. club; and placing third was Annette Greene. Annette is also a member of the Lattimore Jr. club.

In the school dress group, Lois Gamble from the Bethware club was first place winner. Lois modeled an attractive plaid school dress. Winning second and third was Marion Moss from the Waco club and Beth Patterson from No. 3.

The best dress or evening dress winners were as follows: first, Marion Moss, Waco, second, Jane Horn, Polkville; and third Barbara Bridges, Waco.

In the suit division Jane Horn from Polkville club won first. The other winners were Billie Sue Anthony, Boiling Springs, and Marion Moss, Waco.

The three top county winners chosen were Marion Moss, Lois Gamble

and Jane Horn. Marion won on the attractive nylon best dress. This dress was made very plain with rhinestone buttons for trimming. She wore navy shoes, navy hat with white flower, and carried a navy bag with white nylon gloves. A white flower was also worn at the neck of the dress. This was a very serviceable dress and one that Marion will enjoy wearing for a long time.

Jane modeled a light blue wool suit with pink accessories.

The Cleveland county fair association paid the following amounts to these girls: Fifteen dollars to Marion, the first place winner, ten to Lois for placing second; and five to the third place winner Jane Horn.

Marion modeled her outfit in the state dress revue; and even though she received no additional honor there, the experience was of great value to her.

B. Food and Nutrition

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
337	297	9,316 Meals Planned 14,750 " served

The number of girls taking for food preparation projects is always high. Even <sup>though</sup> the total number enrolled this year may be smaller than last, it does not indicate that interest is lacking. When the project requirement was lowered from two to one, naturally our enrollment was reduced. The above enrollment and completions were further broken down into the following units:

Breakfast	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	73	68
Lunch or Supper	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	109	92
Dinner	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	61	56
Eggs	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	20	18
Vegetables	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	35	29
Breads	<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>Completing</u>
	39	34

Included in the 1951 4-H program were two foods demonstrations. In March, club girls gave a simple dairy foods demonstration on a

"A Milk Shake Drink", to each of the twenty 4<sup>th</sup> clubs. Approximately 775 girls attended these demonstrations. The club girls were sent copies of the demonstration to be given. They were helped by neighborhood leaders to practice and get equipment together for the meeting. The training the girls received was of great value to them; and I personally believe that it helped to stimulate interest in the dairy foods contest.

Several of the leaders were present for the county dairy foods contest. From seeing the various demonstrations they felt that they gained much useful information. This information would help them to do a better job another year.

In December the demonstration "Sandwiches, Plain and Fancy" will be given by the agent. This was a demonstration requested by the girls; as many of them will be giving parties during the holiday season.

The 1952 program of work has included three foods demonstrations. The agent will give the "The Milky Way to Health" and "Add Sparkle to Breakfast with Fruit". The first demonstration will be given to further emphasize the need for including milk and dairy products in the daily diet. It will also serve as a guide toward helping girls begin their dairy foods demonstrations. Even though demonstrations have been given about breakfast, we still feel that it should be further emphasized, as children still go to school without eating any breakfast.

During the summer months, the 89 leaders will be trained to give girls the demonstration "What Makes a Salad Good"? We hope that

information given in this demonstration will help the girls to plan more nourishing meals, and to plan meals including the basic seven group.

The following comments will illustrate further how important club members feel that food preparation project is:

"My 4-H project this year has not only helped me to learn to cook, but I have helped mother also. It was good experience for me, and I enjoyed every minute of it."

Sandra Gibson - 12 - Earl Club.

"When I am left to prepare a meal by myself, I think of it as an honor. I love to make pies, cakes, and desserts as well as to prepare other dishes."

Margaret Warlick - 15 - Belwood Club.

"I think cooking is fun and it is important too."

Nancy Harlick - 12 - Earl School.

"This past year has been a very important one for me in my 4-H work. As a result of my food preparation project, I have recently begun collecting recipes. I now have a file full. The great advantage of having lots of recipes is that you have a variety of ways to prepare the same food. I find that the different recipes help me to fix better and more nourishing meals. My family says that my cooking has improved greatly this past year. I enjoy cooking now more than ever before. It is lots of fun planning your menus by the week instead of by the day, or waiting until the last minute to plan your meal."

Jo McSwain - 16 - Lattimore Club



The following junior girls exhibited cookies, biscuits and rolls at the Cleveland county fair.

Best Biscuits -	1st Annette Green \$2.00	2nd Lois Gamble \$1.00	3rd. Barbara Gamble \$ .50
Best Rolls	Hilda Green \$2.00	Phyllis Lowell \$1.00	Sandra Gibson \$ .50
Best Cookies	Lois Gamble \$2.00	Sandra Gibson \$1.00	Sara Baker \$ .50

Dairy Foods Demonstrations:

The county contest for dairy foods demonstrations was held in the kitchen of the home agent's office Saturday morning, May 19th. Eight contestants participated in the contest. Miss Jeanne Ware, assistant home agent in Rutherford county served as judge.

Marion Moss, a member of the Waco 4-H club was chosen county winner. She represented the county at the district contest in Newton. The title of Marion's demonstration was "Ice Cream, America's Favorite Dessert". In her demonstration she prepared Vanilla Ice Cream and demonstration four ways it could be served. The ice cream was used to make a chocolate milk shake; served topped with blackberries; served plain with nut cookies; and as a party refreshment. For the last the ice cream was used on a slice of plain cake and "drizzled" with sweetened sliced strawberries. To this was added whipped cream tinted a delicate shade of green. Each of these desserts was placed on green, 4-H leaf clover which were placed on a white table cloth. The final display was very attractive.

Marion placed in the blue ribbon group in the southwestern district. She plans to enter the contest next year, and I am sure that she will give an even better demonstration. Marion gave her demonstration before club groups, both 4-H and home demonstration.

Sandra Gibson made the following statement in her story:  
" I gave a demonstration at school on "Dressing up Milk" before

the girls in the group of 4-H club girls and Mrs. Dobson. I enjoyed giving the demonstration very much; and I believe that it has helped a lot of the 4-H members."

Another year, I believe that the interest in the dairy foods demonstrations will continue to grow. Girls are realizing more and more the need for including milk and dairy products in their diet.

C. Health Improvement:

We feel that some of the outstanding health problems in the county are: the need for improving food habits, care of teeth, and eating well balanced meals. From time to time demonstrations have been given to meet these needs, but they still need to be further emphasized.

So often, when we go to a school for a club meeting, we find children drinking a bottled beverage and eating candy, crackers, or pop corn. This is usually about 10:30 in the morning and of course they aren't as hungry as they should be at lunch time. For 1952 we have planned a joint demonstration on "Good Food Habits", and we hope that this will make club members realize how important it is that they practice good food habits.

We also believe that club members should be encouraged to improve their posture. We have tried to help a few individuals members, but feel that additional members can be helped by a demonstration.

A large majority of the club members have reported physical check-ups during the year. The county health department has helped in the various schools by giving these. In instances where the child needed additional examinations, they want the family physician.

A large number of club members have had teeth filled; and there is still a need for more to be filled. We gave the demonstration on teeth about two years ago; and many improvements have been

noted since then. However, we plan to give another short joint demonstration in April of next year.

In addition to having a physical and dental check-up, many club members have lost or gained weight; a number have been fitted for glasses; and the majority reported learning to eat foods formerly disliked.

During June, Dairy month, a program was sponsored to stress the importance of milk and milk products. Three club girls - Lois Gamble, Annette Ware, and Marion Moss, served as dairy maids to pass of leaflets on milk. These leaflets were distributed to an audience gathered around the court square to watch a milk drinking and a milking contest.

The following story was taken from a health improvement record: "In my health project I have learned to eat slaw and beans, and I learned to chew my food sixteen times per bite. My teeth have been checked for cavaties. I have taken exercise and I am trying to improve my posture. Each night I try to get the proper rest. Since I have started this, I haven't been as drowsy and sleepy." This story was written by Jackie Adams, 14, a member of the Lattimore club.

D. Food Preservation:

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
59	47	12,873 qts.

The interest in food preservation as a project has been good. With the price of food continuing to rise, more girls will be helping to preserve food for the winter months. Even the dry weather reduced the production period of gardens this year, a large amount of food was preserved.

The demonstration on "Selection of Canned Foods" was given by the agent to the twenty 4-H clubs. Approximately seven hundred fifty girls were present for these meetings. Canning leaflets were distributed to those members who had not already received them. Neighborhood leaders also encouraged club members to plan their family canning budget; and strive to meet those requirements.

From the records received no food was canned to be sold. However, several girls added to their income by winning premium money on their food preservation entries at the Cleveland county fair this year. The competition is always keen in that department. The quality of food exhibited is always superior. For the past two years the judges have commented that the canned food in the 4-H department was better than the foods exhibited in the women's department. I hope the girls will continue to exhibit food superior in quality.

The following story was taken from the county winning food preservation record this year:

"We believe in a "Live at Home Program". We grow and can most everything we eat. I helped mother to make out a planting guide and a canning budget. In this way we plant the important vegetables as early as possible and we are sure to have enough to can and some for our family's use.

I did not can quite as much this year as I did last because the weather was dry in June and July. This cut down on our garden supply. But if you could see the food we have canned, you could see that we would have plenty to eat this winter without having to go to the grocery store for food. The only things we will have to buy is sugar, coffee, tea and a few small items that we cannot grow in our garden.

Some of our neighbors did not have much in their gardens this year. I like to be a good neighbor, so I would send or take them something from my garden. Mother and I sold some carrots, squash, corn, radishes, 100 heads of lettuce, new onions, beans and tomatoes to a local store. With the money earned we bought other groceries such as lemons and sugar."

The following girls won on their food preservation exhibit at the Cleveland county fair:

Best 2 jar exhibit (1 fruit & 1 vege.)	1st. Jane Wright \$3.00	2nd. Enda Mull \$2.00	3rd. Barbara Gamble \$1.00
Best 10 jar exhibit (5 fruit & 5 Vege)	Barbara Lovelace \$10.00	Barbara Gamble \$8.00	Lois Gamble \$5.00
Relish	Barbara Bridges \$2.00	Phyllis Powell \$1.00	Lois Gamble .50

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Preserves	Jane Wright \$2.00	Barbara Gamble \$1.00	Joyce Porter \$ .50
Jelly	Shirley Royster \$2.00	Jane Wright \$1.00	Jo Anne Royster \$ .50
Pickles	Kay Holcomb \$2.00	Ruth Falls \$1.00	Beth Davis \$.50

Frozen Foods:

No. enrolled	No. Completing	<u>Results</u>
10	7	30 1/2 qts.

As more families buy home freezers, I am sure that the interest in the frozen foods project will continue to increase. The club members who have taken this project have found it very interesting.

No monthly demonstration was included on frozen foods because of the small number taking the project. However, these individuals were given any information or materials requested.

Jane Horn, a member of the Polkville, Sr. club made the following comments about her frozen foods project:

"Our family relies almost entirely upon freezing as a means to preserve our vegetables, fruits, meats and other products. On the afternoons when you have nothing to do, you can bake pies or cakes and freeze them until needed. We find this method very helpful at times when unexpected company drops in. This year I prepared 70 quarts of vegetables and fruits, 30 packages of pork, chicken and beef. Due to the lack of rain our vegetables were not as plentiful as last year. However, I helped mother to prepare 40 quarts of peaches for freezing."



E. MarketsNo. enrolled  
5No. completing  
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Since we have no curb market in the county, it is hard for club members to carry a successful marketing project. However, we had three girls who completed their project and sold vegetables to stores in Shelby.

Sandra Whisnant, 13, from the Polkville club reported selling tomatoes to the A & P. store, Washburn's grocery, F & P. Supermarket, the hospital and a boarding house. A total of 72 bushels of vegetables were sold for a total sum of \$25.35. The dry weather reduced the tomatoes produced in the county, so the market was good for those grown.

I hope that other girls will be inspired by Sandra's record to take marketing as a project next year.

F. Handicraft:No. enrolled  
10No. completing  
8

The crafts program needs to be given more emphasis another year. So far no training has been given except that given by leaders or received at 4-H camp. At camp club members made a number of very attractive walnut book-ends. A number of members have reported weaving pot holders and etching aluminum coasters. Some were taught stenciling. The local leaders in the communities were responsible for teaching the above crafts.

G. 4-H Work in Room Improvement:

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
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Room Improvement is a subject that always interests girls.

Having a room of her own, arranged the way she wants, is something every girls desires.

Method demonstrations were given to all club members by the agent on "Floor Finishes" and "The Dressing Unit". A great deal of interest was shown by club girls in both demonstrations, especially the "Dressing Unit". Being able to use what they already have or make something attractive without spending too much appeals to the majority of club members.

Next year we plan to show slides on "The Attractive Bedroom You Can Have". This demonstration will be given to home demonstration club women as well as to 4-H club girls. We hope that giving this topic to both 4-H and home demonstration clubs will help to create a greater interest in both mothers and daughters to make their bedrooms more attractive.

The 4-H demonstration will be followed by "The Study Unit". With help on all of these subjects, we hope that additional girls will be taking room improvement for their project.

Barbara and Lois Gamble are working together to fix up their room. The room previously used by them for a bedroom is now being used for a bathroom. A new room was built for them adjoining the bath. The room has two closets, giving them ample storage. A

pretty shade of green was used to paint the walls. An old bed has been sawed off and painted to be used in the room. They are also using an old chest of drawers which has been painted white. For a place to study they are using an old table which they will refinish. A bedspread and drapes were bought with premium money won at the Cleveland county fair. To complete their room the girls plan to add a dressing table, rugs, bedside tables, and a chair.

Sonja Lowery, Beth Davis, Ada Kelly Wilson and several other girls are planning to take room improvement for their project another year.

The following home furnishings exhibits were displayed at the county fair:

	1st.	2nd.
Best Unit of Furniture	Lois Gamble	Barbara Gamble
Best Rug	Shirlene Royster	Carolyn Anthony
Best Bedspread	Lois Gamble	Marion Moss
Best Refinished piece of Furniture	Lois Gamble	Barbara Gamble

The demonstration on making corsages was <sup>not</sup> given to 4-H girls. However, I thoroughly enjoyed the training school given for agents. The information gained was very useful in making corsages for the home demonstration district spring federation meeting. A couple of leaders were taught to help make corsages for this program.

H. Home Management:

1. Personal Records:

Several girls have kept personal records this year. Since a number of them work on Saturdays, they are realizing how important it is to keep a record of how much they earn, spend and save.

Club members receiving an allowance have also seen the importance of personal record keeping.

A number of members are saving money for a college education. A few members earned and saved enough money to pay for music lessons or buy school clothes. Others saved money to attend 4-H camp and club week.

2. Cleaning Can be fun.

With many mothers working away from home some club members have been responsible for doing a large part of the house cleaning. A number of other members have reported doing the cleaning as their share of the family work. Some girls have reported that they were responsible for cleaning their rooms all of the time.

Teaching club members good methods of cleaning now, should enable them to be better homemakers in the future.

3. Ironing the New Way.

A number of girls have reported improving their methods of ironing; while some have reported learning to iron.

The following sentences, taken from a record book, are typical

of many other records. "I have learned to press and take care of my own clothes. Not only that, but I have learned to iron better. I have also helped mother iron the weekly washes;"

4. Home Safety:

More and more club members are realizing how many accidents can be prevented in their homes by making them safer places in which to live. Both boys and girls have realized that many hazards could be removed around homes and other out buildings, as well as in the yards. A large number of members have reported removing hazards after an accident had occurred.

A program on safety was given jointly to both club boys and girls. We feel that this type of program is always timely, as there are still homes where unsafe hazards could be removed.

I. Family Relationship and Child Development:

The family life program "Sportsmanship" was given jointly by the agents. This program seemed to definitely appeal to the club members.

Many of them have since remarked that they have tried to practice better sportsmanship as a result of this demonstration. In two or three of our demonstrations leaders were present for the discussion. They too commented on how worthwhile they thought the program was.

Next year we plan to give a joint program "Putting the 4-H Pledge to Work". We feel that this demonstration can greatly strengthen our 4-H program.

During the past year, approximately twenty five club members have married. Part of the members are continuing their high school education - others are now establishing homes of their own, or living with one of their parents.

The following statement made by a club girl expresses how members feel toward the family life project. "Making and Keeping Friends" has done wonders for me. It not only has improved my personality, but I feel that I now have more friends than ever."

J. Wildlife Conservation:

No. enrolled	No. completing
18	9

The interest in wildlife conservation is definitely increasing in the county. We now have in this county a very active wildlife club. Through it boys and girls are encouraged to become interested in conserving the wildlife around their homes and on their farms.

At the Cleveland county fair this year a number of nature birds and animals were exhibited for the public by members of the wildlife club. These exhibits were a major attraction throughout the week.

A series of meetings were held in each of the schools during November where boys and girls were shown how to care for the wildlife on their farms. We feel that these meetings will definitely strengthen our 4-H project another year.

The following comment was taken from the record book of Wanda Davis, age 12, from the Polkville, Jr. club:

"I didn't know there were so many wild animals, flowers and trees on our place until I made the survey in my wildlife project. This was certainly interesting."

K. Home Beautification

No. enrolled

28

No. completing

19

A series of joint meetings were held by the agents last year to further stimulate club members interest in the home beautification project. At these meetings slides were shown to illustrate how homes could be made more attractive by seeding a lawn, establishing drives and walkways, and setting out shrubs. Some of the slides shown were, before and after, pictures of a few homes here in the county. The yards and surroundings had been developed, thus making an unattractive place become very attractive. Showing pictures of local homes, made the demonstration much more effective.

As a follow-up of the 1950 club program on "Mail Box Improvement", a large number of mail boxes have been made to look more attractive. However, we hope additional improvements will still be made.

The families of quite a number of club girls have built new homes during the past year. These club members have helped in many instances to establish lawns and plant border shrubs. Sonja Lowery,

a member of Patterson Springs 4-H club, has helped her mother and father a great deal. Since both parents work, Sonja helped to plant flower borders and start a sedgeen for the back of the house. She also helped with fixing the yard for seeding grass. Sonja plans to continue this project another year, and I am sure that she will make many additional improvements around her home. She is making pictures of the changes as they are made.

#### L. Other Projects:

##### 1. Gardening

With the price of food continuing to rise more and more gardens were planted this year. The dry weather throughout the summer kept many gardens from producing their average yields. A number of extra gardens were also planted in case of another cotton crop failure. The past two crop failures have made people realize more the amount of money that could be saved by growing food at home.

A series of garden slides were shown in the March 4-H meetings for both boys and girls. These slides showed how to prepare the soil for planting, how to plant seeds, dust for insects and cultivate the garden. The planting of a year around garden was also emphasized.

The following stories were taken from garden record books:

"The garden was a pleasure for my family this year. I began by planting my garden about the middle of February. The first things I planted were English peas, radishes, and four or five varieties of greens.



In April we had gathered some greens, and we had ripe tomatoes on June 20th. We are still having tomatoes and hope to have some to ripen after it frosts.

It was almost too dry this year for cucumbers, and they did not yield as much as I would liked for them to have. We had lots of green beans, and I had to fight the beetles often. This is the first year we have tried to grow cauliflower, but the sun burned it.

I have enjoyed gardening as my project this year and I hope to do better next year."

Sybil Bridges - 12 - Polkville Jr. Club.

"I kept my garden as clean as I could, and fertilized it when needed. All the plants produced as well as could be expected for the dry season. My parents were proud of the help I could be to them by carrying out this gardening project."

Frances Davis - 15 - Belwood Club

2. Poultry

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
15	11	1250 Birds

For the third consecutive year the Cleveland county fair association has sponsored a 4-H poultry chain. It was the aim of the fair association, by placing 1200 chicks with twelve boys and girls each year, to improve the quality of poultry grown in the county.

Members are required to exhibit at the fair each year twelve of their best pullets. Any prize money won is the club members',

but the chicks are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The money received will be used to buy additional chicks for more club members. The five members having the best pullets this year were Dean Humphries, Ann Rudašill, Ben Bowen, James Cox and Dan Elmore.

Ann Rudašill, seventeen and a member of the Lattimore, Sr. club wrote the following story about her chicks:

"On February 26th, 1951 I received my baby chicks through the county extension office. After they were two weeks old I had only lost two. When they were about five weeks old our house burned. The heat from the burning house set the door and woodwork of my brooder house afire. With the help of our friends, we got all the chicks out and in a pen where they stayed for a day or two. We reworked the brooder house and put them back until they started laying. It wasn't big enough then, so we put them in a larger place and fixed nests for them. On the average I got fourteen eggs a day. Before I took twelve of them to the fair, where I won first place and twelve dollars in the senior group, I gathered an average of eighteen eggs a day. My hens brought \$2.73 each at the auction. I have enjoyed working with my chicks and the 90% profit I get from my eggs sure does come in handy."

### 3. Farm & Home Electric

For the first year Duke Power Company sponsored the farm and home electric project in Cleveland county. This enabled two club members, a boy and a girl, to attend the annual Farm and Home Electric congress held in Raleigh November 5-6. Beth Davis and Ector Hamrick were the delegates chosen to attend this congress. Both

thoroughly enjoyed the program and expressed their appreciation for being able to attend, and learn how important this project was to them and their families. The entire program was well planned; and I enjoyed attending as the agent from our county.

Beth made the following statements in her project story:

"A project I have found very interesting was the 4-H Farm and Home Electric project. This project has helped both my family and me. For in this project I have learned how much electricity helps in the home and on the farm. I have also learned about other electrical appliances that I could use in the home. I have found this project very helpful."

Another year I hope that we will have better records submitted in the contest. Now that the club members are familiar with the many advantages offered by taking this project, I feel that the interest will be much keener another year.

#### 4. Dairy Calves

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
15	10	10 Animals

Even though the number of girls who have dairy calves has not increased this year, a number of good records have been kept.

The following story was written by Elizabeth Williams, 11 - years old. Elizabeth is a member of the Mooresboro 4-H club.

"I bought my calf from my brother Billy Williams. The calf is named Afterglow Oxford King. King's mother is a F. F. A. cow. Her name is Oxford Nymph Kit; and his daddy's name is Green Pastures Afterglow.

When I bought my calf he was <sup>old</sup> enough not to need milk. I have

fed him mainly on oats, corn meal and barley. He is now turned in the pasture everyday and enjoys that.

I have brushed him daily and he likes that. He likes for me to scratch behind his horns and pet him. He also likes apples and hunts for them in my hands and pockets.

My father pays for the feed and other things he needs. When I sell King I will pay him back."

The Gline-land dairy contest, sponsored in the Waco and Patterson Springs clubs ended in September. To the club boy or girl making the most progress gave a registered dairy calf. Marion Moss, a member of the Waco club was awarded the calf on Friday night of the Cleveland county fair. The contest will be conducted again this year in the same schools. It has certainly created a great deal of interest on the part of club members. This year the boy or girl receiving the calf will give back the first heifer calf dropped. This calf will in turn be given to another deserving club member. This should enable several members in the future to have a registered dairy calves for their project.

##### 5. Beef Calves.

<u>No. enrolled</u>	<u>No. completing</u>	<u>Results</u>
3	3	3 animals

The following stories taken from record books should explain how club members feel about this project:

"One of the projects I enjoyed most and made a good profit from was my baby beef. I worked with it for almost a year. I taught it to lead, which was one of the hardest tasks I have undertaken. When it was time to take it to the fair I was real sad. I knew I would have

to sell it and we had become great friends. We had the show on Wednesday morning and "Blackie", my beef calf, won Reserve Champion. This made me real happy but still I was/about having <sup>sad</sup> to sell "Blackie". It was only one day until I would have to give him up. At the sale I made \$555.00. This was nice but it was not like having "Blackie".

I am saving the money made from my 4-H projects for my college education. This will help the family out a great deal."

Beth Davis - 14 - Lattimore club.

"I got a white face calf through the 4-H club last year for \$100.00 and I sold it for \$160.00, thus making \$60.00 profit. I sold my calf to my uncle, therefore keeping it in the family. They all think it is a fine calf and I was very proud of it."

Beth Sheppard - 17- Casar Club.

VII. Leader Schools

We were unable to conduct the recreation schools for the leaders this year, as we had previously planned. In the majority of the high schools new gymnasiums were being built, and the old ones had been torn away. Since no meeting place was available last year, we do hope to continue with our plans for individual recreational recreation leaders' schools in 1952.

No leader schools were held for organization and subject matter this year. However, 4-H neighborhood leaders were visited and contacted by letters during the months when schools were closed. This enabled the leaders to conduct their programs without a training school.

VIII. Contests:

## 1. Local

Kind

	<u>No. participating</u>
Dairy Foods Demonstrations -	18 girls
Junior Canning Contest -	25 "
Calf Show -	12 girls

2. CountyKind

Dairy Foods Demonstrations -	8 girls
Dress Revue -	20 "
Apron Revue -	11 "
Junior Canning Contest -	15 "
Record Books -	18 "
Rural Arts & Recreation -	20 clubs
Calf Show -	12 girls
Public Speaking -	1 boy
Farm & Home Electric -	6 girls

## 3. State

Kind

Record Books -	6 girls
Junior Canning Contest -	1 "
Rural Arts & Recreation -	3 Individual clubs
Public Speaking -	1 boy
Dress Revue -	1 Girl

IX. Honors Won.

The most important honor received in Cleveland county during 1951 was the selection of Ector Hamrick as state winner in the public speaking contest. Ector is a member of the No. 3 High school and he will later be awarded a gold watch. Ector will leave November 23rd from Winston-Salem for National 4-H club congress. This was indeed an honor for him., even though his expenses will not be paid. The one hundred forty-five dollars will be given by the Shelby Rotary Club. I feel sure that this trip will strengthen our 4-H program; and inspire additional club members to work for this county honor another year.

Marion Moss, a member of the Waco Club, was runner-up in the contest for president of the state 4-H council, a place that was won by Janice Warren.

For the second year, Lois Gamble, a Bethware 4-H club member, received a check for twenty-five dollars for her junior canning record. This award was made by the Savannah Sugar Refining Company. As an additional award Lois, along with two other 4-H club girls, received the National 4-H News for a year. This is a magazine that 4-H'ers always enjoy.

Cleveland county was also listed as one of the counties having done outstanding work in Recreation and Rural Arts. We feel that this



is a very worthwhile contest, and one that can definitely strengthen the 4-H club program in the county. The twenty-five dollars will be used to buy needed recreational equipment. Last year a record player and records were purchased. We also bought a 4-H flag to be used at club programs.

X. Recreation and Rural Arts.

As usual, we believe that the county recreation programs have helped to strengthen our 4-H program in the county. From the programs, a number of club members have learned to call and conduct recreation meetings in their own communities.

Waco, No. 3, and Polkville clubs entered the recreation contest this year, and for the third time Cleveland county was selected as one of the counties to receive a check for \$250.00.

The requests for recreation meetings are increasing throughout the county. Parents and community leaders are also realizing that the need for supervised recreation is great. Under their supervision, we hope to have a trained club members who can call and conduct recreation meetings in their respective communities.

The community center in Shelby has helped in part, the need for more recreation. Boys and girls in the county can always go there to enjoy a program of supervised recreation.

XI. Special Activities:

1. 4-H Club Work

Five club members, three girls and two boys attended 4-H club week held in Raleigh July 23rd - 28th. We had hoped to have a larger number of delegates to attend this year, but county schools opened here the same Monday. The members were accompanied by Julia C. Dobson, assistant home agent.

During club week Ector Hamrick, from the No. 3 club was chosen state winner in the boys speaking contest. Marion Moss ran for state council president, but she was defeated by Janice Warren. These additional honors and activities added to the pleasure of club members attending.

Each delegate returned home having spent an enjoyable week; as well as an inspirational one. Programs of the type certainly do a great deal toward strengthening the club program back in the county.

2. National 4-H Achievement Week:

During National 4-H Achievement week in November twelve local meetings were conducted. One county-wide achievement program was held at the Shelby armory, with twelve club boys and girls participating on the program. Approximately one hundred seventy-five club members were present, in addition to fifty 4-H adult leaders and seventy-five parents.

Eight news articles were printed in the local papers during the observance of National Achievement week.

3. National 4-H Club Week.

During National 4-H club week, March 3-11, ten 4-H regular meetings were held and the county council met. Thirty posters were distributed to schools and local stores to be posted during this week. Eight news stories were written for local papers. Two radio programs were given by 4-H club girls and the agent during this week.

In addition a county wide recreation meeting was held at the Shelby Armory with 135 boys and girls attending.

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4. 4-H Church Sunday:

As usual 4-H Church Sunday was conducted by 4-H neighborhood leaders in their respective communities. The National theme "Working Together in World Understanding" was a very timely one, and it was presented in a most interesting manner.

The reports returned by leaders were very gratifying. Mrs. S. L. Soon from the Fallston community made this remark about the program: "The program was very good, and all seemed to enjoy having 4-H members present." The following remark was made by Mrs. L. H. Gibson, from the No. 3 community: "We had a very successful meeting. Our pastor brought the 4-H message, and the large congregation was inspiring both to the pastor and the 4-H members.

Twenty-three different churches had 4-H church programs; and 225 club members participated in the programs. A total of 1105 people attended the services.

Many club members expressed their appreciation to leaders for helping with these Church Sunday programs. This type of program is certainly an inspiration for club members as well as their leaders, and other members who attend the programs.

5. Programs Presented Before Rotary Club.

Marion Moss and Etor Hamrick appeared before the Rotary club on Friday, August 31st to present a 4-H club program. Marion discussed 4-H work as an organization, and explained how club work was conducted in the county. Etor gave his state winning speech on "The 4-H's." Many Rotary members complimented Etor and Marion on the fine program.

The Rotary club is now sponsoring Etor's trip to National 4-H congress. The manager of Penney's store also contacted Etor about working on Saturday's in the store. In addition the manager of the Lily Mill sent Marion a box of assorted thread.

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6. 4-H Pageant:

An annual event for the past five years has been the presentation of a 4-H pageant before the grandstand audience at the Cleveland county fair on Friday night. This is an event that club members look forward to participating in. This year twenty-eight senior members and twenty-six junior members participated in the program of square dances.

The girls were dressed in green shirts with white blouses. The boys wore dark trousers, white shirts and red bandannas around their necks. The group looked very attractive from the grandstand.

In addition to the square dances, the top three winners in the county dress revue modeled their costumes; and Ector Hamrick gave his state winning speech. Marion Moss was awarded a registered dairy calf for being chosen winner in the Cleveland dairy contest.



XII. Radio Programs:

The home agents were not responsible for a monthly radio program the past year, but plans have been made to have a program each week next year.

However, several special programs were presented by club boys and girls and the agents this year. Many announcements were made over the radio throughout the year concerning 4-H programs and schedules. These were done by the county agents as a part of their farm forum program.

XIII. Camp

4-H Camp was held this year July 16th through the 21st at Camp Swannanoa. This was our second year to camp there, and the third year we have camped with Alexander county.

Forty one boys and forty one girls attended camp from Cleveland county. They were accompanied by Mrs. B. P. Jenkins, Jr., county health nurse; Lou Jeanne Dedmon, group leader; Bill Wright, group leader; and two assistant agents, Henry Dameron and Julia Dobson.

Prior to camp week, a meeting was held with the Alexander county agent to make definite camp plans. Any changes in the food list were made; and menus were planned. Plans were made also for assembly programs, a banquet on Friday night; and the candlelighting service. We agents felt that this year's camp program was the best we have ever had. The weather was fine and the group leaders all very capable.



Instructions were given in farm and home electricity, recreation, swimming and handicrafts. Book-ends were made in the crafts classes. Walnut and cherry wood was used; and the club boys and girls made some very attractive, as well as useful, book-ends.

A banquet was planned for the last night at camp. At this time the agents served the boys and girls. Candles, pines, rhododendrons, and wild flowers were used as decorations on tables which had strips of green and white crepe paper up the centers.

The candlelighting service held on the terrace back of the assembly hall was most impressive. The members taking part on this program were chosen for their outstanding leadership while at camp.

The club members from our county expressed their appreciation to us for a wonderful week at camp. Several notes of thanks were received after our return home. Parents have also expressed to us how much their child or children enjoyed the camp program. A large number of members have requested to go back to Swannanoa another year and to plan to camp with Alexander county.

The following boys and girls from Cleveland county were chosen by the four groups as best campers for the week:

- Head group- Elizabeth Mooney
- Joy Camp
- Mickey Beam
- Pat Davis
- Heart Group - Sylvia Borders
- Joy McSwain
- Ried Crawford
- Gilbert Stamey

Hand Group -

Gloria Jane Putnam

Carolyn Weaver

Lee Cash

Luther McSwain

Health group -

Patsy Hoyle

Jackie Adams

Donald Hamrick

Randolph Gold

The same number was also chosen from the Alexander campers.

Certificates were awarded to these boys and girls by Mr. Oscar  
Phillips, camp director.

XIV. Exhibits

1. Local

- a. Type - Food preparations, food preservation, clothing  
home furnishings, and dairy calves.
- b. Number participating - 83 individual club members.

2. County

- a - Type - Food preparation, food preservation, clothing,  
home furnishings, and dairy calves.
- b. Number participating - 62 individual members.

3. State

- a- Type - Individual
- b. No. participating - one

#### XV. 4-H Contribution to World Community:

Each year as the various campaigns are conducted in the schools, churches and communities, 4-H club members take an active part. No records have been kept of what 4-H club members alone have actually contributed to the various funds.

The Empty Stomach fund, to help families here in the county who had failed to make a cotton crop for the two previous years, was one that was greatly publicized. Seeing the need for help, many club members and their families gave. Enough money was raised to pay for school lunches of needy children throughout the school year. Many club members gave clothing to these families so that the children would be able to attend school.

Jackie Adams, a member of the Lattimore club reported helping with the following funds: the Empty Stomach fund, Red Cross and March of Dimes. Other club members made similar reports in their record books.

XVI. Looking to the Future:

Cleveland county will continue to change in 1952 to a program of diversified farming. Even though more cotton was grown this year than last, farmers are becoming increasingly interested in growing turkish tobacco, turkeys, beef cattle and dairy cattle.

With the present world condition as it is, the 4-H program in 1952 will be more important than ever. Boys and girls will now need to be guided more closely in their thoughts and actions. We hope that the 1952 program has been planned to meet as many of these needs as possible. By working closely with club members we hope to achieve along with them - the following goals:

1. To improve the group singing in our club meetings by conducting a training program for club song leaders.
2. To plan to organize a new club in the Kings Mountain school as enough rural boys and girls are enrolled there to form a club.
3. To train recreation leaders from each of the clubs to conduct recreation meetings in their respective communities.
4. To plan to meet with the 4-H county council monthly.
5. To plan to train neighborhood leaders to meet with the girls the three months when schools are closed; to work more closely with these leaders during this time.
6. To increase the number of completed 4-H records; and to assist the girls in filling out their records more completely.

7. To encourage more girls to give dairy food demonstrations in their club and community.
8. To plan with groups for the county winner to give her dairy food demonstration as many times as possible.
9. To increase the number of girls participating in the county dress revue, and to improve the construction of the garments modeled.
10. To have a junior dress revue instead of the usual apron revue held for the past few years.
11. To increase the number of members enrolled in the 4-H farm and home electric project, and to improve the records submitted in the state contest.
12. To stimulate an interest in club members to conduct a school or community project for 1952.